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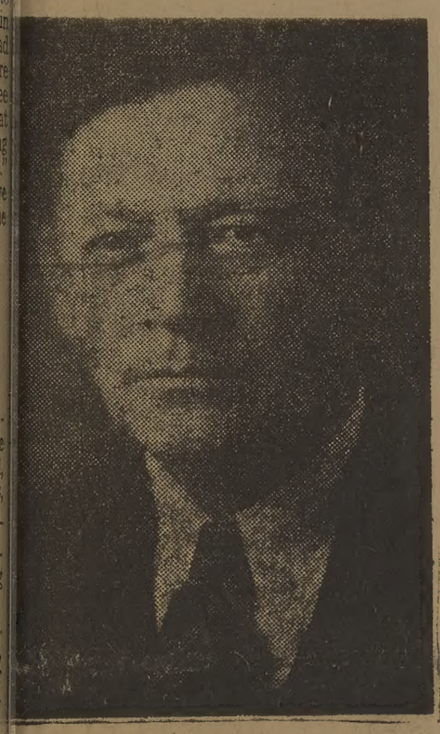
Pres. Antoine R. Ivins Stresses Missionary Messages

Missionary work provided the theme for the Quarterly Conference of the Oakland Stake, Sunday, January 23, in the Oakland ward chapel. Speaker, from Salt Lake City, was Antoine R. Ivins, of the First Council of Seventy.

Teaching repentance is one of the underlying principles of the Gospel, Elder Ivins declared at the Sunday morning session. Regular sessions were conducted at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., under the direction of Oakland Stake President Eugene Hilton concluding with a Stake Sunday School session, held at 7 p.m., in the Oakland Chapel, Stake First Counselor Delbert Wright, presiding.

Brother Ivins pointed out in his morning address that repentance is recognition of something done or not done for which full value was not received.

Likening the pruning off of bad habits to the pruning off of inferior fruit and poorer limbs of



apple trees and grape vines, Brother Ivins pictured for an overflow crowd how we should always be pruning off the bad to make way for the good—or, like dying apple trees, be burned up.

Emphasizing that repentance implies forgiveness, he added that if we repent we expect forgiveness on the part of the Lord. In fact, he said, Jesus said he would hold us spotless before God. He showed, then that repentance should work both ways and that

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Berkeley Stake News

By MILDRED MORGAN.

PRIMARY

The annual stake Home Builders' party and supper for girls nine, ten and eleven years of age will be held in Dimond Chapel February 5. The mothers and their daughters, the Larks, Bluebirds and Seagulls will be the guests of the Stake Primary Board. Annetta Wood, Gertrude Lesser, Stake president and Ruth Hilton and Archie Enger will be special guests because of past contributions to Primary work, or for the position they now hold in relation to Primary.

Marjorie Nelson of Hayward, and Betty Crase of Maxwell Park

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Thad Van Noy

Herbert Thad Van Noy, Dimond Ward's newest missionary, will be honored at a testimonial and party to be held Thursday evening, February 10, 1949, at 8:00

o'clock p.m., in the Dimond Ward Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland.

Elder Van Noy will enter the LDS Mission Home in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 14, 1949, prior to his departure to serve in the Texas-Louisiana Mission with headquarters in Houston, Texas.

A graduate of Oakland High

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SWEETHEARTS' BALL, OAKLAND STAKE, SET FOR FEBRUARY 11

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS

One of the big events of the Stake Calendar will be the Oakland Stake Sweathearts Ball, February 11. The dance is informal and is a budget event. It will be held in the Alameda ward chapel. M Men, Gleaners and their friends are invited.

Other calendar events include:

Feb. 12 Stake Beehive Valentine Party. 380th Quorum of Seventies meeting.

Feb. 18—Hayward Ward Semi-formal Ball.

Feb. 19—247th Quorum of Seventies meeting, Maxwell Park Building fund event.

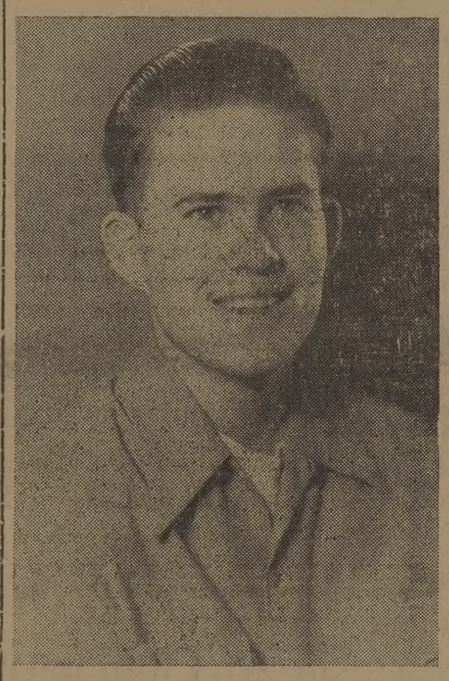
March 11—Stake Gold and Green Ball at Scottish Rite Auditorium (a non-budget event).

March 17—Stake Relief Society anniversary party.

Talented Pianist Recital Artist

Rollin Jensen of Alameda ward provided an outstanding evening's program at the Adelphian Club in Alameda, Wednesday evening, January 19, when he was presented by Elwin Calberg in a piano recital.

The seventeen year old perfor-



mer thrilled his audience with selections by Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn, MacDowell, Chopin and others, ending with Liszt, "Hungarian Fantasy." The orchestral accompaniment for the number was played on a second piano by Mr. Calberg.

The strength and power in Rollin's music, as well as his interpretation and the emotion with which he plays, is most satisfying to the listener and bespeaks a promising future for the brilliant young pianist. He is the son of Wendell and Elnora Jensen. Wendell Jensen served Alameda as bishop a few years ago. Rollin graduated from Alameda high school January 28, 1949.

Janet Evans' Farewell Party

Janet Evans, charming daughter of Wm. H. and Zelnora Evans of Elmhurst ward, has been called

to fill a mission for the Church in the wonderful Spanish-American Mission with headquarters at El Paso, Texas.

Janet will be honored in a lovely farewell party at the Elmhurst Chapel, 9658 Thermal avenue, Oakland, Wednesday, February 9. Heard on this program will be Estrella Kaleikau in vocal solos, and the excellent Chansonette Chorus under the direction of Darrel Monson.

Besides responses from the family, remarks will be made by Bishop Shaw, Bishop Mauss, Harry Fletcher, and Eugene Jacobs.

A reception, followed by dancing, and refreshments will round out a pleasant evening for young and old, and should do much to send Janet off with sweet memories of all her friends and well wishers in this her labor of love for the salvation o fthe souls of the children of men.

Northern California Mission News

The year 1948 has been a most successful year. Baptisms have greatly increased, and tithes of the mission are in excess of any previous year, notwithstanding that four branches are taken away. The building program has gone forward in a satisfactory manner. Five chapels have been dedicated, two are only waiting for seats, and five others nearing completion.

The health of the missionaries has been good, and we have been favored with quite a number of missionaries over a period of weeks, awaiting transportation for the South Seas. The mission was blessed with the visit of President Smith to the dedication of the Santa Rosa Chapel, and with Elder Benson to the dedication of Redding and Ashland, independent of his visit to the Mission.

On January 9, President Ellsworth arrived in Klamath Falls, in below-zero weather, and drove 30 miles south to Tulelake, to find the Tulelake Chapel, built from the same plans as the Lakeview, Oregon, Chapel, filled with 260 people to witness the dedication of that chapel. After the dedication by President Ellsworth, the branch was re-organized with Truman Lynch as President, Lynn Swenson as first counselor, and Oscar Pedersen as second counselor, as the new officers, since Don Webster, the Branch President, under whose direction the branch chapel was constructed, is moving.

At four p.m. Sunday afternoon, January 9, the first Elders' Quorum in the mission was organized by President Ellsworth, consisting of three groups—Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Tulelake.

Wednesday, January 12, President Ellsworth, with counselor Thomas C. Byrne, left for Fresno, where they met first counselor, Dr. Alwyn C. Sessions, to discuss plans and problems affecting the mission, and in connection with both East and North Fresno Branch Presidency, in connection with their building problems. Both branches are under cover with their roofs, and are beginning the finishing work . . . the North Fresno Branch at a cost of $150,000, and the East Fresno Branch at a cost of approximately $100,000.

January, the 16th, President Ellsworth and President Byrne attended and held the Santa Rosa District Conference, with a record crowd. It not only filled the chapel but the recreational hall. The Santa Rosa chapel has been a great factor in increasing the membership of that district. While in Santa Rosa, the Mission President discussed with branch President Southwick of Ukiah, relative to the finishing touches of their new branch building, which is nearing completion.

On February the 6th, the Monterey Bay District conference is called to meet in Santa Cruz—which meetings are to be held in their new chapel, which is nearing completion. Both Ukiah and the Santa Cruz branches were built from similar plans.

Word just received from Salt Lake City that pews are being shipped the last of this month, which will make possible the dedication of both the Eureka, California, and Grants Pass, Oregon, chapels during the month of February.

Word just received from Corning that their chapel too is all enclosed and the inside work proceeding rapidly.

Both the Visalia and Yreka City Directories, prepared by the missionaries and local people, are ready for distribution. Both of these efforts in printing free city directories are outstanding in making friends, as well as contributing a handsome sum to prospective building programs of these two branches.

January 23, President and Sister Ellsworth held a report and counsel meeting with the missionaries of the Rogue River District in Ashland, with a public meeting Saturday night. On Sunday, special meetings were held at ten o'clock in Grants Pass and two o'clock in Medford.

The Northern California Mission office expects to receive eight new missionaries Friday, January 31, and seven missionaries to be assigned temporarily in this mission, awaiting transportation to the South Sea Islands.

Wednesday, the 19th, a special program is being held in San Rafael Branch, in which building problems are being discussed looking to their own building on property recently purchased by that branch.

During this month, the titles have been passed for a very beautiful building lot in the heart of Watsonville, on which is expected during the year, to erect a building—both chapel and recreational hall.

The Salinas branch has been meeting in rented halls for a long time, and are hoping that during this year that they too can erect their own chapel and recreational hall on a beautiful piece of property across the road from the Junior High School.

Stockton Notes

By W. A. MacDONALD

President Oscar A. Kirkham of the First Council of Seventy, was the Salt Lake visitor to the recent conference of the San Juaquin Stake held at Stockton, January 22-23. The Stockton chapel was filled to capacity at all three sessions.

President Kirkham challenged the priesthood leadership of the stake to accomplish three things before the next stake conference:

1. To send a full-time missionary from each ward into the mission field.

2. To have at least 1 per cent of each ward membership as active stake missionaries.

3. To make the new Servicemen's program function in the San Joaquin stake.

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Funeral services were held February 3 for Alpheus McCarrel, age 76, who died January 31, after a lingering illness of more than a year. The McCarrels have opearated a popular restaurant on North Hunter street, Stockton, for several years past.

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A missionary farewell for Dale Pearson is scheduled for March 4th, prior to his departure to the Central Atlantic States Mission, Norfolk, Va. Dale is a son of the late bishop of the Balboa ward in San Francisco.

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Leath Cluff has been named to head the Manteca Sunday School where more than sixty Church members have been located.

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President and Mrs. W. B. Men-

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Oak. Temple Excursion Sails South Happy Group Signed For Trip Feb. 14

The long anticipated bus trip to Mesa, Arizona, for temple work is soon to roll on its way southward into the famed winter vacation lands on the Arizona desert—Indian lands, the home of the date palms and the best of grapefruit and oranges. Also the place of one of the most sacred spots in the west, the lovely Mesa Temple, where the spirit refreshes itself on heavenly fruit that is "most joyous to the soul."

Signed up for the trip are many well-known saints, including Ruth Hilton, Mrs. Delbert Wright, Mrs. Glen Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Evans, Mr and Mrs Wilford Snyder

The excited group will take their bus at 11:20 am., Monday, February 14, at the American Buslines station, 1841 San Pablo avenue, Oakland, and are scheduled to arrive in Mesa at 11:20 the following morning.

If 29 sign up for the trip the fare will be $21.20 round trip, but otherwise $26.61 will be the figure. The full fare, $26.61, should be sent immediately to Wm. H. Evans, 8030 Idlewood street, Oakland in case the required 29 are secured a a rebate will be made to each individual of the difference in fares.

The pilgrimage will allow for some interesting sight-seeing, including visits to the LDS Indian settlements. The opportunity for personal chats one with another coming and going on the bus will prove one of the richest experiences of the week. Everyone will return from the pilgrimage to their usual daily duties refreshed in mind and body, and built up in spiritual stature. The holy influences that accompany the ordinances and endowments in the temple are food and drink to the hungry soul of human beings, the true manna from heaven. At the same time there will be great rejoicing in heaven by spirits set free from restrictions, and by righteous being who have waited long periods to be endowed with powers and gifts of the priesthood.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

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Berkeley Ward

FIRST WARD

DAWNA ERICKSON and CAROL DUNHAM

The Relief Society has received their sewing budget and is beginning to fill it. They are also serving those who are working on the Welfare Project Friday nights cake and hot chocolate to keep up their spirits.

The Relief Society wish to have any discarded elephants or discarded clothing in good condition for their booth in the Carnival to be held March 5. The Carnival is having booths from every organization to help raise funds for the Ward Welfare Project; the theme is to be Spanish.

This month of February finds the Primary sponsoring a drive for the Birthday Penny Drive. All year the children give their pennies when they have a birthday and this month all are urged to follow their example, a penny for every year. The purpose of the drive is to raise funds for the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. A box is to be placed in the foyer every Sunday night for the birthday pennies to be placed in.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers will hold their regular meeting at the home of Daughter Anna Ellsworth February 21. The program includes Daughter Anna Patton, who will speak on "Mormon Agricultural Projects in California in 1846," and Daughter Ruby Call who is giving a biographical sketch of one of her pioneer ancestors.

Completion of the Daughters of the Pioneers relic building in Salt Lake is near an end; hence the project to raise funds is being put into effect by the Daughter of the Pioneers. They hope to get one or more volumes of "Heart Throbs of the West" into every home.

OnFebruary 14 the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Convention is to be held at Berkeley Ward. President La Ree Tolman, President of the Alameda County camps, is to preside. San Mateo and San Francisco Counties are included in the convention. Visitors from the central committee in Salt Lake will be present.

The meetings will begin at 10:30 and 1:00. Lunch will be served at 12:00 by the Relief Society in the recreation hall. Musical selections will accompany the meetings.

St. Valentine's Day will be heralded by a Sweetheart Ball to be given by the MIA at Shattuck Hotel's "University Hall." The bids are $1.00 per person. The dance begins at 9:00; the dress is to be semi-formal. Murray Peterson's will supply the music.

The M Men are reaching the end of their backetball season. The play-off comes in the near future between Berkeley and Claremont. The Berkeley team has a record of 5-1 and the Claremont 4-2. The play-off is necessary because Berkeley and Claremont have each won one game from the other.

A Scout court of honor is to be held on February 1 and another fine program on February 22, having a patriotic theme.

Berkeley Ward

SECOND WARD

JUNE ELLIS

The Second Ward of Berkeley is sailing along so smoothly under the direction of our experienced Bishop Green, that one feels that we have ever been thus, instead of a ward only a few months old. There is only one thing he would like to bring to the attention of the ward members and that is to please return the information cards sent out for the ward directory. Out of over two hundred sent out only forty have so far returned. Kindly, if you are not among the forty, fill out and return that card so we may all have this handy directory in our homes.

It is no wonder that Grace Summerhayes is a natural for President of the Relief Society. Her entire life has been spent in close contact with people who were doing church work. Her father, Charles Callis, and her mother, Elizabeth Grace, were called on missions to the southern states when they were young people with two little children. Grace was then just three years old. They lived in Jacksonville, Florida, where her father was soon made president of the Conference. After finishing their missions Brother and Sister Callis returned to Utah where they remained for only two months when they were called to return to the southern states where Brother Callis remained as president for the next 25 years. They lived in Chatanooga, Tennessee until Grace was in junior high school; then the Church headquarters were moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where Grace resumed her studies and graduated from Atlanta High School. President Callis then sent Grace to Utah to attend the University of Utah and the Brigham Young University to complete her education. She later returned to be with her family.

One evening she was asked to accompany a new missionary singer. This was the first meeting of Grace and Paul Summerhayes. President Callis sent Paul to the Virginia Conference so they did not see each other for another year. After that romance bloomed. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple three months after Paul was released from his mission. Laura and Charles were born in Salt Lake City. Later Paul moved his family to Washington, D. C. for a year and then to New York City for five years where Grace was very active in church affairs as a visiting teacher, president of the Primary one year, and for another period was president of the Young Ladies' Mutual. She also served as Relief Society organist and Ward Organist.

For the past seven years they have lived in Berkeley. Grace went over to Salt Lake to have Julia who is now six years old. Laura is now studying at the University of Utah and Charles is at Berkeley high school. We are fortunate indeed to have such a wealth of experience to draw upon in guiding our Relief Society. Her cheerful, quiet, competent manner in leading this vital organization is no doubt a major reason why we are growing so successfully and accomplishing the work outlined for us to do.

Elmhurst Ward

RAELLEN REYNOLDS

February 4 is the date set for the Elmhurst Ward Green and Gold Ball. There are nine Gleaner Girls running for Queen of our ward. They are: Barbara Elmer, Shirley Koverick, Joyce Nelson, Marilyn Nelson, Diane Birchell, Mary Birchell, Naomi Sparks, Doris Jacobs and Ellen Tanner. The Queen is being chosen by voting.

Sunday, January 16, Elmhurst was host to four wards who came to hear Frank Y. Taylor—the only living son of President John Taylor. This proved to be one of the most enjoyable Sunday evenings that we have had because the Fireside was also honored to have a returned missionary, Grant Brown, who recently labored in the Texas Mission. He is the nephew of Pete and Lucille Brown and Chuck and Rae Stamps of Alameda Ward. This was Grant's last night with us and we enjoyed a very interesting meeting.

The Behive Girls were hostesses to Maxwell Park Ward, San Leandro Ward, and Hayward Ward at a Winter Carnival Dance. Everyone had a very nice time and are looking forward to many similar parties in the future.

Last Tuesday night, the 25th of January, the Mutual was entertained with a one-act play by the Guardian Girls. Those taking part were Sylvia Sydell, Marilyn Shaw and La Vonne Fountain. Joan Porter was the announcer. This was a very pleasant play. We wish to thank Mary Birchell, the assistant Drama Director, who helped the girls.

We welcome the new members who have recently mved into our ward. The Rowe family, the Fisher family, Eugene Hidgon (who is a star basketball player for our ward). We wish also to welcome Ruth and Blaine Wilson back into our ward. They have been living in Alameda ward.

The Fireside went bowling Saturday, January 15. There were many aching arms the next day but it was worth it. About 20 M. Men and Gleaners showed up and had loads of fun.

Napa Ward News

CATHERINE J. WOOLLEY.

Message from Bishop Keller.

Dear Brethern and Sisters:

Another year has passed. We are powerless to add to or take from the achievements of that year. It has gone forever and whatever deeds performed or left undone; words spoken or left unsaid, the thoughts whether constructive or otherwise, all of these things must stand. We stand helpless looking back at the monument of last year.

A New Year presents itself to us. As the new year begins its majestic parade before our eyes, we see these challenging banners:

I AM A FREE AGENCY—choose this day whom you will serve.

I AM SERVICE—Service to God and fellowmen enrich lives.

I AM INTELLIGENCE—Seek me through humility and study and prayer.

I AM ACHIEVEMENT—Seek me through intelligent effort.

It is for us to build this year's monument to our everlasting credit. It is for us to justify the sacrifices which have been made by many that this new year could come to us full of opportunity. It is for us to determine NOW that we shall serve God and our fellowmen. We have the richest endowments which life affords to any people on the earth. Let us achieve. in a manner which would give honor to those who have so richly nedowed us.

BISHOP REED W. KELLER.

Reed W. Keller was born March 8, 1908, in South Cottonwood, Utah. At the time of his birth his father, Alva W. Keller, was on a mission in the Southern States Mission. He has four brothers and two sisters. Reed attended High Schol at the Granite High, later attending the LDS Business College. On June 27, 1928, he met Phyllis Bruerton, who was later to become Mrs. Keller. Six months after they met, Reed was called to the Southern States Mission. Soon after his arrival in the mission field, he was appointed District President of the South Carolina District. He served his mission under the late Charles A. Callis.

He returned to his home in Salt Lake on March 31, 1931, and one year later, March 31, 1932, entered the Salt Lake Temple, and there was sealed for time and eternity to Phyllis Bruerton.

Reed has always been active in the work of the Lord. Soon after their marriage, he served as Sunday School Superintendent in Winder Ward, South Cottonwood Stake. Then in the East Mill Creek Ward he was YMMIA President and later as the second counselor to the bishop. In 1942 the family moved to California and he was soon called to be the Ward Clerk under Bishop John L. Murdock. Two years ago he was sustained as Bishop of Napa Ward and now holds that position.

We are very happy to claim them here in Napa where they now make their home. They have four children, Robert, Janet, Marjorie, and Wallace. Bishop Keller is engaged in business in the "Hardware Center" in Napa in partnership with Brother Rex. L. Bridges.

Institute News

BY NEIL CHRISTENSEN.

The Lambda Delta Sigma chapters at the University of California and at USC and UCLA, at Los Angeles, have had a very good chance to become further acquainted this Fall and should have another enjoyable time at their state-wide conference this Spring, probably meeting this year at Yosemite or Carmel.

The Los Angeles chapters played host to us at New Year's when almost all of us went down to the Rose Bowl Game. They had been up here for a football game and we had been down there for a game previously this Fall. We are all aiming for the Rose Bowl again next year!

All enjoyed the party with the Stanford Deseret Club group in spite of what Stanford almost did to us! To show us that there is no ill feeling they have invited us on a ski trip to Yosemite. That is really putting LDS teachings into practice.

Dr. Frank West, head of the Church department of education, paid the Institute a visit when the Los Angeles chapters came here. Busy supervisiong the institute and seminary program of the entire Church, this was his first visit to Berkeley in over two years.

Members f the Berkeley Institute scattered all over this state and Oregon, Utah, and Nevada, at the end of the school term the last of January. At the new semester in February we hope to see many new faces while not losing too many of the old faces. Judging by the new presidencies of the three chapters, next term will be as interesting as this one.

Carquinez Ward

ELDA LOWRY

The high-priest quorum held a surprise birthday party for Bro. James Sieversen, who was 70 years old January 31. Bro. Sieversen was born in Trondhein, Norway, and came to the United States in 1904. He joined the Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 8, 1922, and then made a return visit to Norway to see his mother, who was 80 years old at the time.

Bro. and Sister Sieversen were married in St. Paul, where they lived for a short time, moving later to Salt Lake City. Nine years ago they moved to Vallejo. The last few years, Bro. Sieversen has been working as a custodian for the Vallejo school system. February 1st they held a pot-luck dinner in his honor and presented him with a leather jacket.

Ordinations for the past month were: advancement to a teacher, Kenneth Sorensen, and LaVern Reinhardt; advancement to an Elder, Fenton Burgess and Theodore Elmer. Baptisms and confirmations; Colleen Hacking, baptised and confirmed by her father, Howard Hacking; Lowell C. Fitt, baptised and confirmed by his father, T. C. Fitt. Glen Dabling blessed his daughter, Leslie Jean; Bevy Benware gave his son, Gary Ronald, a fathers blessing; and Ronald Jay Royer was blessed by his uncle, Myron Telford.

Sister Edna Hill, secretary of the stake Geneological Society, sent in the following report about their organization. "The interest the members of the new Carquinez Ward are taking in geneology these days is really very gratifying. For two years the committee has struggled along when no one seemed interested in geneology. Then Supt. Harvey Nielsen made the announcement that members interested in Geneology had a class room ready for them. When the roll was taken we had 25 present.

We have a very capable young man in Martel Pedersen, as our new teacher. He makes the lessons in research very interesting. The attendance at our committee meetings are always nearly 100 per cent. Home teaching interest is growing and we feel we are doing much good with members of our Ward who do not attend church. We are planning a number of cottage meetings, both in Vallejo and Benicia. Also, we have a trip to the San Francisco library planned for our ward.

One of our young couples, Tom and Dora Faye Olsen, spent their vacation visiting four Temples, doing work for their families and looking up geneology. The Mesa Temple excursion in April is one of our main topics. We look to 1949 to be a very successful year in our Geneology work in Carquinez Ward.

S. S. Session At Oakland Confer.

Sunday schools will help in the plan of Salvation by building up brotherly love, neighborliness and a deep and abiding faith, Leonard J. Lyon, Stake Sunday School Superintendent, pointed out in his welcome address for the Sunday School session of Oakland Stake quarterly conference Sunday night.

Taking part on the speaking program were Keith Stebbens, Leonard J. Lyon, Estherelle Kaleikau, Carolyn Mason, Bren Shaw, William Jackson, David Wissmar, Faye Wilcox, Patricia Davis, Susan Ream, Rudolph Multz, Dovell White.

Musical numbers included a vocal solo by Lloyd Sparks; violin solo by Donna Lee Wall, with Pearl Bliss, accompanist; piano prelude and solo, Rollin Jensen, and a choral number by "The Chansonettes," Darrel J. Monson, director.

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Walnut Creek Ward

Mrs. Bertha Greene has been chosen Walnut Creek's new Primary president with Elaine Jensen and Vera White counselors, and Ora Borrows secretary.

A fine Valentine's party is planned for Walnut Creek with Virginia Uffens, chairman . . . The W. C. Deacons recently enjoyed a snow party to Lake county.

Walnut Creek was favored with a visit from the stake presidency, W. Glenn Harmon, Wayne Mayhew, and Dr. Emery R. Ranker.

Sisters Dewey Williams and Marguerite Oppenshaw have been called to do stake missionary work. Everett Morgan has been set apart as a stake missionary, replacing Kenneth Everett, who has left W. C. for the present.

We are happy to welcome Max T. Greene into Walnut Creek Branch and into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was baptised in the latter part of January.

Stockton Notes

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denhall have returned from a combined business and pleasure trip to Los Angeles, Imperial Valley and way points. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. D. Murdock and report a most enjoyable vacation. Murdock and Mendenhall are business associates, connected with the Union Sheep Co., an affiliate of the Moffat Meat Co., of San Francisco.

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The organization of a ward choir was recently effected in Stockton. Gene Bernhardt was chosen president, with Dorothy Sutton as chorister and Beth Grether, organist.

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Five lovely Stockton girls are aspirants for the queen's crown for the ward Gold and Green Ball, scheduled for February 11.

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Mr. and Mrs. Delbert H. Rock of Berkeley were recent visitors in Stockton.

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Betty Scott, recently returned misionary, has gone to Mariposa for three weeks visit with her family. After her return to Stockton, she will shortly leave for Salt Lake where she will wed Elder Delbert Tree of Park City, Utah, soon to be released from his missionary work in Alabama.

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Answering the challenge of President Oscar A. Kirkham at our recent stake conference, President Mendenhall has named two members of the High Council as co-ordinators for the new LDS servicemen's program. W. Aird MacDonald and Wallis L. Shumway will see that servicemen from the San Joaquin stake are in regular communication with their wards and quorums.

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Mrs. W. Aird MacDonald (Nelle) entered the U. C. hopsital early in February for a check up. She carries the prayers of a host of friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone of Berkeley, and Mrs. Stone's mother from Idaho, were recent visitors in Stockton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Stone.

Richmond Ward

BETTY BOURNE

Social events have been highlighted through this last month. A bridal shower was given in honor of Ruth Nelson at the home of Alaine Wightman, co-hostesses being Nola Sullivan and Adele Trotier. Ruth was married to James McCluskey III, January 20. A reception was held at the home of May Bates Noble. The couple will make their home in Hayward.

A party was held February 5 for May Bates, who exchanged vows with George Noble during the month of January . . . Two more weddings, Bishop Wightman officiating, will be held during February. Agnes Giffird will wed Wm. George Littlejohn February 11, at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, and Mrs. Busby of Richmond will be married February 14.

Cngratulations are in order to Vern and Gloria Ellis on the safe arrival of a baby girl January 17.

We are pleased to have a visit in our ward from two former members, Dasil and Kathleen Matthews.

Amng the new officers in the ward are Mava Draper, a new teacher in the Sunday School, and Sister Dean, who will become supervisor in the Junior Sunday School . . . It is good news to hear that Sister Susan Streeter who has been in the hospital is well again. Many thanks to those who donated blood for her.

This is a good time of the year to check to see if you have the MIA Era coming into your home. Algie Gifford handles the subscriptions. For the Relief Society Magazine contact Sister Bledsoe. Both magazines together amount to only about a dime a week. Really we spend too small a proportion of our income on church magazines, and too little time in reading them, we sometimes think. Let us all improve in these matters.

● The BYU Snow Carnival this year will feature a Swiss theme. Also included are snow modeling and skating contests. The U. of U. Snow Carnival will offer barrel-stave races, ice speed and figure skating contests.

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BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

By MARGARET FIFE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

According to George Olsen, stake Sunday school superintendent, a three-stake Sunday school convention is scheduled for February 20. The affair will be held in the San Francisco stake house, 22nd and Lawton streets. In addition to all Sunday school workers from Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco, all stake presidencies, high councilmen and bishops are requested to be in attendance. The morning session will convene at 10 o'clock, and the afternoon meeting at 2.

Several general board members are expected to be present under the chairmanship of A. Hamer Reiser.

Details of the convention will be given to Sunday school superintendents.

ENGAGEMENT

Of interest to members of both Berkeley and Oakland stakes is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Marrilyn Harmon of Berkeley, to Al Everett of Salt Lake City.

Merrilyn, eldest daughter of President and Mrs. W. Glenn Harmon, is a senior at Brigham Young university, Provo. Her future husband is a graduate of the BYU and at present is doing postgraduate work at the University of Utah in the department of sociology. No immediate plans have been made for the wedding.

DENZEL C. ALLEN

On January 10, High Councilman Denzel C. Allen left by plane for Hawaii, where he will spend approximately three months doing research work for the California Packing Corporation. According to Sister Allen, he is thoroughly enjoying his stay at the Moana hotel on Waikiki Beach. While in Hawaii, he expects to contact several Californians, among them being Dr. Maurice Linford, whom he knew when he was a student at Utah State college.

H. C. APPOINTMENTS

High council assignments for the month of February are as follows:

Berkeley first ward, Ira J. Markham; Berkeley second ward, President W. Glenn Harmon; Brentwood, Timothy Morley; Carquinez, John L. Murdock and Henry L. Peterson; Claremont, Emery R. Ranker; East Richmond, Nathan G. Tolman and Willard Ellis.

Fairfield, Joseph C. Eyring; Martinez, Henry Neering; Napa, Wayne E. Mayhew; Pittsburg, Elwood Meredith and Lloyd Johnson; Richmond, Douglas Ream and Paul Summerhays; Vallejo, Fred J. Hatt and George Hughes; Walnut Creek, R. Kendall Thomas and James H. Kirby.

HIGH PRIESTS' MEETING

The regular quarterly meeting of the high priests' quorum will be held Thursday, February 10, at 7:30 in Berkeley chapel. Thereafter, according to the new leadership meeting schedule, there will be a full quorum meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Quorum Pres. Don C. Wood urges all high priests throughout the stake be in attendance at these meetings.

MISSION INSTRUCTION CLASS

Mission President Ariel A. Anderson invites all those interested in missionary work to attend the regular missionary instruction and discussion class which is held at 2 o'clock on the fourth Sunday of each month in connection with the stake leadership meeting at Berkeley ward.

ELDERS' QUORUM

Reese Burton replaces Earl Amott as president of the first quorum of elders. Brother Amott and his family have recently moved into the Berkeley second ward. . . Another reorganization of interest is that of the second quorum of elders. The new president is Clyde T. Sullivan, with counselors C. Dean Draper and Ralph Engel. . . .A February social is being planned by the seventh quorum of elders, according to Francis Leavitt, president. Further details will be given to quorum members.

DANCE INSTITUTE

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gaisford attended the Church-wide dance institute in Salt Lake City during the latter part of January. They expect to conduct a four-stake institute for the four stakes of the Bay Area.

VALENTINE PARTY

Under the direction of Cal Smith and Sister Anthony Woolf of Richmond, a delightful valentine party was held by Junior Girls and M Men of the stake on January 29. The valentine motif was carried out with hearts, balloons and streamers used in the decorations. Mixers, games and dances were thoroughly enjoyed by 145 young men and girls. It is interesting to note that the attendance at the joint functions is now greater than it was when the two stakes were combined.

WINTER FROLIC

A stake Gleaner-M Men winter frolic was held January 22 at Pittsburg, with Pittsburg ward as host. The evening marked another successful stake MIA affair.

MIA COMING EVENTS

Coming events of interest to Stake MIA members are as follows:

In Berkeley ward, February 19, Gleaners' tea; March 12, Jr. M Men-Junior Girl function; March 19, Gleaner-M Men banquet and dance; March 26, special interest party at Vallejo ward.

SWEETHEART BALL

On Friday, February 4, the Berkeley stake "Sweetheart Ball," was held at the Hotel Shattuck. The event, which was the first grand ball to be held independently of the Oakland stake, was a memorable occasion. Murray Peterson and his orchestra furnished the music, and the effective decorations followed the valentine motif. Assisting in the reception were members of the stake presidency and their wives. Co-chairmen of the affair were Harold Gaisford and Gloria Magleby.

BYU Offers Course On B. of M. Bv Extension

Under the auspices of the Extension Department of the BYU, and with the cooperation of the Los Angeles stake presidency, an extension course on the Book of Mormon will be offered to Los Angeles residents. Beginning February 1, at 7:30 p.m., the course, consisting of ten two-hour classes to be held each Monday night. Two quarters credit will be allowed to high school graduates or older parsons. Fee, $10 for credit, $3 without credit. Elder Ricks of the BYU staff, Religious Education department, will conduct the course.

● The annual wild rabbit hunt at Tremonton, Utah, in January, 1949, bagged 5000 rabbits as the work of 150 hunters of all ages. During the January heavy Utah weather, deer came down to the residence sections of Salt Lake City, and had to be fed at public exepnse to prevent damage to property.

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Antoine R. Ivins

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we should forgive and help bring boys back who have wavered. He stressed the importance of putting an arm around a boy who had strayed and showing him the way back.

Every day, Brother Ivins declared, we have the opportunity to help bring people back. And, every day we ourselves have an opportunity to seek a better way of living, a way of improving our service, a better way to progress. We don't have to wait, he said, until we do some of those serious and grievious sins before we think of the law of repentance.

In the afternoon session, Brother Ivins said that if we are called a peculiar people because we profess to be the only ones holding the true authority and priesthood of God, then we are a peculiar people.

Stressing the importance of testimony, he referred to the Bible quotation, "on this rock," and showed how the Savior was talking about establishing the church on the rock of the Lord's revealing to Peter that Jesus was the Son of God.

If we are going to endure in righteousness, Brother Ivins said, it will be because of testimony. A testimony is essential if we are to remain custodians of the priesthood.

He urged members to discipline themselves to living the standards of the church fully and voluntarily.

Milton Beck Teaching Santa Barbara State Col.

Milton Beck, of the Berkeley First Ward, candidate for doctor of education degree at "Cal," has accepted a teaching position in education at Santa Barbara state college. He left February 1. The family will join him in due time.

Bro Beck has been an inspiring worker in the Church while in Berkeley. His doctor's thesis, on which he is now working, is "An Evaluation of Educational Planning in Local and State Schoolhousing and the Development of a Guide for Administrators."

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Hayward Ward

MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

Zion is growing in Hayward! Bishop Webb states that there were 48 babies blessed in 1948. He adds, "keep up the good work."

Wedding bells are ringing again. January 20, James McClusky of Hayward, and Ruth Neilson of Richmond were married. Now it also leaks out that Lois Starkweather and Ronald Fracosco were married in March, 1948. A reception was hel dfor them at the home of the bride January 24. The young couple will live in Hayward.

The Sweetheart Ball will be held February 18. Each girl is to bring her own escort. All signs indicate a gala affair with the "gals" doing all the asking—no more standing in groups for those bashful bays. Mevel Day family, we rejoice in the happy

Although the ward sorrows in looing the future they are planning in Harmony Hills. The High Priests' Quorum is giving them a party as a farewell at the home of Owen L. Stewart. The Days will leave after their twin daughters graduate from high school this February.

Bro. and Sister Wiseman were called to Los Angeles because of the death of Sister Wiseman's sister-in-law.

Hayward has had its share f visitors. Bro. and Sis. James Chappell were here from Bend, Oregon, happy and prosperous looking. He is Branch president and she is Relief Society president. Ben Lamkin's mother, Sister Jackson, has returned home to oLs Angeles after a holiday time visit. Claude LaPray and wife were here from Ogden. He is a twin brother to our Clyde. Bernie Peck had her mother visiting her, while the Marion Smiths had as guests Leon Smith and family of Napa and Myrl Paige from Clearfield, Utah. Leonard and Jay Phister, old time residents of Hayward and now living in San Francisco have just returned to their home after a trip to Utah to attend the marriage of their son, Warren.

January 23 about half of the ward (it seemed), turned out to play in the snow that fell in Crow Canyon. A fine house warming party was given to Maurice and Inez McFadden of the 23rd, also.

President Angus Norberg says, "It is the universalitiy of the Gospel that will unite the people of the earth in peace some day."

Alameda Ward

GAYLEEN CLAYSON

The month of February will prove to be very full as far as activity at the new chapel is concerned. The stake High Priests' quarterly meeting comes Feb. 3. The stake Sweetheart Ball will be held in Alameda this year, the date, Feb. 11. The Alameda ward Green and Gold ball is scheduled for February 25; and finally the stake Primary Festival is announced for February 26.

We express our thanks and appreciation for the great work done by the retiring counselors to our bishop, Oscar Fantana and Howard Dunn. We are happy at the new selection of Charles Stamps, and Donald Hughes as the new counselors.

January proves to be a gala month for our ward. A distinct increase has been noted in all our meeting attendance. In fact it now is the highest in the history of the ward.

With classroom seats and front steps now completed, work in landscaping the grounds is beginning under the direction of Jack Powell, and will be completed soon, weather permitting.

Rollin Jensen was presented in recital at the Adelphian Hall January 12. This treat was greatly enjoyed not only by the public in general, but by a good number of the ward members.

The Alameda ward choir rendered two numbers at the MIA Leadership meeting, January 16, and then sang at the Sacrament meeting the same day. We enjoyed hearing the words of encouragement and advice of the stake presidency that evening.

Betty Jo and Irving Campbell, past members of our ward, now living in Rodondo Beach have a new addition to their family, Carla Dawn Campbell.

MIA meetings are well under way now in Alameda. All classes, including the scout troop, are organized. The prmise is that the remainder of the year will indeed be filled with mutual improvement for all.

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Highlights From The Addresses Oakland Quarterly Conference

President Hilton pointed out that one out of five in the stake are attending Sacrament meetings and that many of us are not faithful tithe payers. Many are not participating in fast offerings or welfare donations. We need real support—not just in the back of our minds, especially since we are planning heavy programs in the future.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OAKLAND CONFERENCE

Phillip Humphreys, recently returned from the Tahaittian missin spoke of the humble and loveable people he met and said that missionaries learn from them. "We can't be too mechanical," he advised, "but must put our faith in the Lord."

Don Bennion, stake high councilman praised the MIA and the work with youth to develop a rounded program of recreation and to strengthen religion.

Thys Winkel, Bishop, Alameda Ward: The fact that the new Alameda Ward chapel is one of the finest on the coast is due to the spirit of willing helpfulness and spirit of fellowship that marked the project.

Angus H. Norberg, Oakland Stake Presidency:

Touched on the universality of the Gospel and of the fact that it is a force that can unite the world. Members of the LDS church bear humble witness to the world of the effectiveness of the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Roy Weindorf, Stake Mission President:

We are fortunate to live in these latter-days of greater understandings, light and blessings.

Quoting from the 88th section of Doctrine and Covenants about the responsibiltiy for teaching the Gospel, he urged members to awaken to the wonderful opportunity that is before us, the inexhausible opportunity to become Saviors in Zion.

Eugene Jacobs, Stake High Council:

We shouldn't be working for anything less than the Celestial kingdom. We can't live by telestial and terrestial standards and expect to inherit a place in the Celestial kingdom.

William H. Evans of the Stake High Council:

In this church we have a grandeur of harmony and design; a grandeur of brotherhood and understanding. He urged members to put aside mundane things and go into the Temple and fill the sessions at the Oakland Stake Temple excursion to Mesa, Arizona, February 14.

HOWARD J. MARSH MADE COUNSELOR TO ARGENTINE MISSION PRESIDENT

(Contributed by Oakland Stake Reporter, Verna Jackson, of San Leandro Ward.

Elder Howard J. Marsh, now serving in the gentine Mission, has (at our request) written an interesting something of the Argentina people and their attitude toward the Church, as well as of his own missionary activities. Elder Marsh writes:

"On the surface, there are no outstanding differences between these people and their way of living as compared with our own, and yet on closer contact, we find they are different—radically so.

"Perhaps the first thing to catch the eye are the high walls which surround all the houses. The gates to these walls are kept continuously locked, and entrance to the house is gained only after long periods of friendship. However, once inside their homes, you find them neat, clean and friendly.

"To a great extent the people are like their homes, they seem to have erected a high barrier around their minds, and are continually on the defensive, always fearing trickery—always expecting deceit. But when you finally pierce that wall and gain their confiednce, you walk right into one of the warmest friendships possible.

Deep down in their hearts the people are sincere, and they are longing for a better way of life. The medieval oppression and tradition of Catholicism no longer satisfies the modern mind, and slowly but surely the yoke is being cast aside. (As evidence of this we can report thirty-three (33) baptisms in the last month).

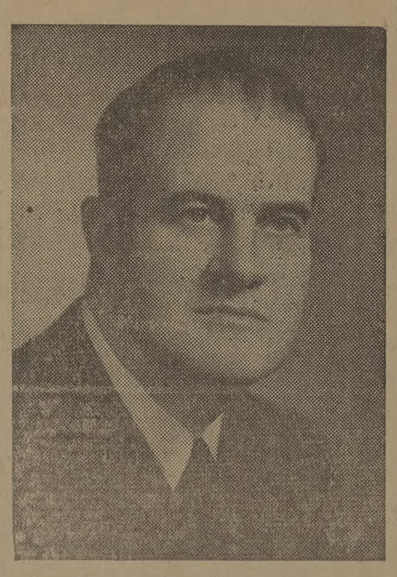
"The activities of the Church are greatly hampered by the maze of officialdom. We are constantly filling out forms and reporting the activities and whereabouts of the Elders. Recent executive decrees have trebled our work in this respect, but we accept these seeming obstacles as new challenges—new fields to try our mettle, and we thrill in the thought of triumph. As this form-filling work falls under the general category of 'statistics and reports,' a goodly share of it is bequeathed to me as Second Counselor to the Mission President so I know whereof I speak.

"As of this date my mission has proven a most soul-satisfying experience. I have gained a love and respect for the power of the scriptures and feel that I have gained much more than I have given. We are looking forward to an ever-increasing rate of activity, with higher returns for our labors.

"We have recently inaugurated a special committee for mission publicity in the hope that we will be able to break down public prejudice by obtaining the services of the newspaper and radio. Since these are tightly controlled by the government, which officially sustains the Roman Catholic Church, it has been impossible to obtain much cooperation, but we shall continue to try.

"As Mision Counselors are frequently called to represent the Mission President in the various branch and district conferences, my position gives me the opportunity of a great deal of educational traveling. This travel, coupled with the joy of mastering another tongue, and becoming intimately familiar with another culture, add up to a basic education far more valuable, and far more practical, than years of book-learning. I feel qualified to make that statement.

"I give thanks constantly for the many blessings proffered me, and will never be able to repay them. Our heritage is something we take far too lightly—as a friend recently remarked, 'You Mormons don't know what you have. Many is the time you sit unmoved by the beauties of your doctrine, while those who have discovered them only after a long search, are brought to tears by the joyful satisfaction that the Gospel of Love offers'."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Oakland Ward

BERNADINE ADAMS

Thelda Baker flew to Hawaii on January 15th to meet her fiance, Kenneth Maurey, a naval officer in the Merchant Marines. They had plans of marrying in the Hawaiian Temple. Upon arrival they found the temple is open only on Saturdays, and Kenneth had to sail to Japan before then on his new assignment. But President Smith of the Temple married them in his home and the missionaries gave them a splendid party. It is reported that their marriage ceremony was lovely. Kenneth has sailed on to Japan, and Thelda is returning to Oakland, and to visit her parents in Utah, until her husband sends for her. They plan on residing in Japan for a period of two years. We wish them the best of luck and happiness.

M. C. Laird and Wilma Wilkinson, with M. C.'s mother, motored to Salt Lake City, and were married in the Temple January 20th. They will honeymoon somewhere in Utah, and then return to their new home in Oakland. We are anxious to hear reports of their trip and wish to welcome the newlyweds home and lots of happiness.

Jay Sorenson, who is in the Marines and stationed in Richfield, Utah, arrived home to visit his wife, Bobbie Ewald Sorenson, and child, Cloe. Jay reports that it is very cold in Utah. He believes California is the spot for him. Bobbie tells us that Jay will return in April, when he plans on being discharged. We will be waiting for him to return to our ward again.

We have been informed that Henry Whiffin is now recovering nicely after a serious illness. We wish him a speedy return to our Ward and to our activities.

Wendel Grow, who is branch president of the Harmony Hills Branch, near San Juan, was a visitor to our Ward, and reports that their group is doing nicely. He extended invitations to anyone who might like to see their new enterprise in a type of co-operative living.

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The Lord's Way For Providing

By ROSCOE W. EARDLEY
Member of General Church Welfare Committee.

(We are permitted by Elder Eardley to quote from an article he contributed recently to the Millenial Star.)

Whenever the Gospel has been upon the earth, the Lord's people have understood the economic laws which must be obeyed if they are to have economic freedom and independence. Enoch, for example, understood these laws so fully and taught them so successfully that he and his people were translated.

The Prophet Joseph Smith received many revelations relating to the temporal affairs of the people, and special provisions were made for the administration of the temporal affairs of the Church. The Lord declared that "the office of a bishop is in administering all temporal things . . . having a knowledge of them by the Spirit of truth." The poor, the destitute, the orphans, and the widows who could not provide for themselves were to be maintained.

The Prophet Joseph Smith, inspired by the Lord, organized the Women's Relief Society. The sisters were not given the same responsibility that the bishops had received concerning the poor, namely, the obligation of caring for the poor, but a very important part in the work of assisting those in need was given to the Relief Society, that "the sisters might provoke the brethern to good works in looking to the wants of the poor, searching after objects of charity, and administering to their wants."

The great wisdom of the Lord is plainly manifest in these instructions to the bishops and the members of the Relief Society. If those in need are left to seek their bishops, they will probably come in a spirit of self-abnegation and embarrassed beggary, but when the bishops "search after the poor," they seek the poor as brothers and friends who desire to help, not only with the temporal things, but also in spiritual things, that the spirit of the poor might be raised and exalted.

At the General Conference in April, 1936, the First Presidency announced the inauguration of what has since become commonly known as the Church Welfare Plan.

"Our primary purpose," said the First Presidency, "was to set up, insofar as it might be possible, a system under which the curse of idleness would be done away with, the evils of the dole abolished, and independence, industry ,thrift, and self-respect be once more.. established.. amongst.. our people. The aim of the Church is to help people to help themselves. Work is to be re-enthroned as one of the ruling principles of the lives of our Church membership."

In subsequent General Conferences of the Church, members of the First Presidency made further explanations of the Plan. They said:

"Let us live righteously, avoid debt, live strictly within our income and save a little. Have on hand food, clothing, and if possible, fuel, also, for at least a year ahead. Practice the proved and sterling virtues of honesty, thrift, chastity, sobriety, temperance, and industry.

"Two great laws, the law of love and the law of work are behind the Welfare Plan. The aim of the Welfare Plan is to put these two great truths into the lives of all of us."

Liahona Club News

At the regular fourth Monday Liahona Club dinner and business meeting at 7 p.m., January 24, at the Coit Hotel, Oakland, election of officers for the year ahead and reports from the retiring officers were the chief features of interest.

Elected for the coming twelve months were: president, A. D. Erickson; first vice president, Curt Bybee; second vice president, Don Allphin; secretary, Oren Jorgensen; treasurer, Art Bliss.

Heard also at the meeting were letters of appreciation from missionaries in the field who were recipients of cash Christmas presents in the name of the Liahona Club.

A call has gone out for a full and enthusiastic attendance of club members at the February 28 meeting at 7 p.m., at the Coit Hotel to greet the new president, A. D. Erickson and his corps of associates. A special speaker has been invited to address the meeting,. The topic is of vital concern and interest to all.

Appreciation was voiced to retiring president, Herb Von Noy and his able associates for service well rendered.

Intermountain News

● A bill introduced in Congress, January 5, aims to have the Indian Affairs Bureau take over the closed army hospital (Bushnell(at Brigham City, Utah, and convert it into a vocational school for Indian children and for housing and training adult Indians for off-reservation employment.

● Wallace F. Bennett of Salt Lake City, member of the General S. S. board, head of a large paint factory and store, is currently serving as president of the National Manufacturers' Association. He is the west's first NAM president. In January he addressed meetings at Stanford, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle.

Berkeley Stake Fourth Sunday Leadership Meeting Changed

Following general discussion Sunday, January 23, a decision was reached sustaining recommendations by the Berkeley Stake Presidency and High Council that hereafter the fourth Sunday Leadership meeting become the Stake Priesthood meeting. Certain other changes were made to delimit the time to two hours.

Beginning February 27, therefore, a general stake priesthood meeting for everyone holding priesthood will convene at 2:00 p.m.; in Berkeley chapel. The first half hour will be alloted for stake business matters in a general session, followed by 45 minutes for inspirational music and messages.

Then the various quorums and the Girls' and Genealogical committees, etc., will meet separately for 45 minutes. This will close the day's session.

Hereafter the bishops will meet the second Tuesday of each month, thus supplanting their fourth Sunday meeting.

High Council meets first and third Wednesdays as usual.

Martinez Ward

FERN MOSIER

William Kenneth Skidmore, first counselor to Bishop McIntire of Martinez Ward, was born in Richmond, Cache County, Utah, April 25, 1914. Raised on a farm in Delta, Millard County, Utah, he attended schools there and was active in Aaronic Priesthood work and scouting. He came to Martinez in 1937, and was married to Lora B. Black of Delta, Utah, in Manti Temple in 1939. They have three children, Linda, Diane and David. Superintendent of the Sunday School for three years, he later served in the bishopric as second counselor to Bishop W. B. Knowles, then first counselor to Bishop F. R. Anderson and is now serving as first counselor to Bishop Wayne F. McIntire. He has been employed as a petroleum inspector at the Shell Oil laboratories, at Martinez, the passed ten years.

The Gale Roskelleys proudly announce the arrival of an heir, Douglas Edward, on January 21; the first grandson and third grandchild of the Gilbert Roskelley's.

The Y. W. M. I. A. welcomes Edna Felt, the new Manual Counselor, releasing Ruth Roskelley with a vote of thanks for her splendid work among the young people.

The Ward Basket Social will be held February 11 in the Chapel; fun and dancing.

February 6 will be the day for the dedication of the Organ; featured will be the Mormon Male Chorus led by Bob Sant. Bring your neighbors and friends and enjoy the program and singing of selected male voices from two Stakes.

We are happy to see Glenona Robison Farnsworth and husband Bill with us again. It seems like old times to have Glenona back at the organ, when her week ends allow, from her new home in San Leandro. Also, welcome home are James Busby, and Nelson Wadsworth, the other young people, who return home for week end visits.

Our prayers are extended the family of John C. Dolan who was accidentally killed by a falling crane in Anchorage, Alaska. He leaves his wife, Martha Dolan, and two-month-old daughter, Sharon Margaret; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dolan; sisters, Sharon and Lorna, all of Martinez; a sister, Mrs. Nelda Marchand of Auburn, Nebraska, and a brother, Robert, of Willows, California.

Claremont Ward

MRS. GRACE MILLWARD

Sister Josephine Braley celebrated her 85th birthday January 30. She is the oldest member of Claremont Ward and one of our most faithful Sisters. She still attends Sunday Services and enjoys the association of all our members.

Kenneth Leth was chosen "ALLPREFERRED" man of the B. Y. U. Campus for the year 1948-1949. Nice going Ken—Claremont Ward is proud of your success and popularity.

The Krabbes, who met with a serious accident near Wendover, Utah, last month, have returned home. We are happy to have them back with us once more.

Russell Ball gave a most interesting talk on Atomic Power to the Special Interest class on January 26th. Thirty-nine people were in attendance on that night and all were grateful for the knowledge received on this timely topic.

Arthur J. Burdett has been released as Work Director in our ward and we wish to extend our thanks for the good work he did while in this position. Thomas J. Rogers is our new Work Director and he will appreciate all the help your good people can give him out at the Welfare Project on Tuesday nights.

Robert Ahlborn is now on the road to recovery after spending a few miserable weeks as a result of falling off his bicycle.

Thad Van Noy

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School, Thad has also served in the U. S. Army. He is a son of Herbert A. and Neita Van Noy.

Leslie Heath will be heard in two vocal solos; Dr. Weiland in two piano numbers. Besides responses by Thad and his parents, short inspirational remarks will be made by President Eugene Hilton and Lewis Shurtleff. A presentation to the missionary will be made by Bishop Elmo R. Smith; invocation by Bishop Dennis L. Lauper, benediction by Eugene S. Hilton.

Dimond ward is "going into all the world" and "preaching the gospel "to the nations." This devine charge is being discharged for the Saints of Dimond by seven besides Thad. Let us support our proxies by prayers, letters and means: Gerardus J. and Johanna M. Scheuller and Ira Barlow Call, Jr., in the Netherlands; Neil McCarthy in the Southern States; Dan Russell in the Western States; Gloria Jackson in the Eastern States and John Hilton in Brazil.

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Berkeley Stake

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to have been added to the Primary Board, which now is composed of Elsie Lyon, Leah Finch, Louise Maurer, Beth Eggertson, Mary Dunn, Chairman Vause, Alta McClay and Beatrice Norda.

The stake Primary Spring Festival will be held in the Alameda ward, the corner of Grand and Encinal avenues at 7:30 p.m., February 26. An all-children affair featuring "And They Grew and Waxed Strong in the Lord."

RELIEF SOCIETY

Parts of the Welfare Sewing budget are coming in; the workmanship is excellent.

February 3 the Stake Board meeting will meet at the beautiful home of Lila Graham on upper Park boulevard.

February 10 at the new Hayward chapel, Union meeting will be held at one o'clock. The union meetings are being rotated among the different wards.

Our Founder's Day party will be held in the recreation hall of the new Alameda chapel, Thursday, March 17. All Relief Society members pelase keep this date open.

In Elmhurst Recreation hall January 28, a luncheon and program for the visiting teachers was held. It was almost an overflow affair, there being two hundred present. Martha H. McKaige is the oldest visiting teacher, being 83.

Jocie A. Davis, 75 years old, has completed the largest number of years of service. She started when 16 years of age, continued even while she was councellor to Pres-Sarah Harruth of the Oakland ward Relief Society. Twice she won a prize for the best visiting record. Her work is reflected in her beautiful countenance. Strangers and our own Oscar A. Kirkham have remarked what a lovely face. Both her grandfathers and their families were pioneers and she also was a real pioneer, gleaning wheat, thrashing it on a canvass with a flail and winnowing it, before selling it for clothes for herself. She picked wool from the barbed wire fences to make herself clothing. Fresh gooseberries and other fruit she preserved by processing and storing in five-gallon coal oil cans which were first thoroughly cleaned. These cans were opened and the contents frozen to keep it until it could be used. The most outstanding thing this visiting teacher did was to mother 10 children. One of whom is our Stake Board member, Amelia D. Everett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A joint Stake Sunday School convention will be held in San Francisco February 20, at Sunset Ward at 10 and 2 o'clock.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD AND GIRLS' PROGRAM

Plans are under way for a ward night for the combined Aaronic Priesthood and Girls' Program for special awards. We are happy so many girls have achieved and are waiting to hear of the boys. A course of study has been formulated for the girls, "How to Present the Gospel to My Friends," for one group and "The Woman I Would Like to Become," by a study of the Biography of Great Women for the others.

Registration blanks for reservations on the chartered temple excursion bus for Berkeley stake to Mesa, Arizona, April 9 to 16, have gone forward to the ward genealogical committees. Responses are coming in satisfactorily.

February 27 is the date set for completion of reservations together with the payment of $23.00, the cost of each round-trip ticket to Mesa. Included in the price is a pillow each way, and some refreshments on the return trip to conform to the formula, "All's well that ends well."

Stake committee chairman, Nathan B. Tolman, has also extended hearty invitations to our sister stakes and to the Northern California Mission. The Messenger will be pleased to answer any questions.

Pennies For The Children's Hospital

If I can stop one heart from breaking
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again
I shall not live in vain.

—Emily Dickinson

What a different kind of Valentine message!

February 14, Valentine's Day, marks the end of the annual penny drive for the Children's hospital.

We who know of the wonderful work that is being done by the Primary hospital, have the privilege of bringing everlasting Valentine joy to many handicapped children.

Since its founding many years ago, the hospital, which is located in Salt Lake City, has been maintained by the birthday pennies of our Primary children, and contributions of appreciative groups of people. Over three thousand children have been fully or partially restored to health by the services of this wonderful institution. The number of patients now exceeds the available facilities, and a fine new building is soon to be constructed.

It will take many, many pennies to build the new hospital, and to continue the medical, spiritual and recreational needs of the little patients who come from all over the Church. In addition to medical and surgical treatment, the children have all the advantages of Sunday school, Primary, occupational therapy and planned recreation—all of the activities which will help to make their lives as nearly normal as possible. Hospitalization is available for any child, regardless of where he lives.

"The pennies of our Primary children alone are not enough to build and maintain this splendid project. All Latter-day Saints—fathers, mothers and children—have been asked to contribute one penny for each year of their lives—and some to grow on. How small a valentine to give, yet what a wonderful one to receive!

Envelopes in which to put your pennies will be sent home with the Primary children and containers have been placed in each chapel for contributions. To you, of Berkeley and Oakland stakes, be sure that part of the joy of sending the priceless valentine of good health to a little child is yours. You will truly help to . . .

"Ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain . . . ."

Remember your pennies, and Valentine's Day.

San Leandro Ward

VERNA JACKSON

SPECIAL NOTICE . . . The San Leandro Ward Sunday School hour is being changed from 11:15 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., beginning February 13, 1949.

With the new time, the meeting will dismiss at 12:30. This new arrangement is made possible through the co-operation of the Elmhurst Ward. We are sure our members will appreciate the earlier time and believe it will be the means of increasing the Sunday School attendance considerably. We hope so, for the Sunday School has much to offer everyone.

It might interest you parents to see the Junior Sunday School in operation under the capable direction of Sister Elaine Beck. You are cordially invited to visit the Junior Sunday School any time.

May we officially welcome three new potential members of our Junior Sunday School . . . Baby Carey Richard Dyke, the new addition to the household of Russell and Eva Dyke . . . Baby Douglas Lyle Wells, brand new son of Rulon and Beth Wells . . . and Baby Karen Anita Bodily, pretty little daughter of Dan and Anita Bodily.

May we also extend the sincere good wishes of the Ward to Doris Hansen who is just now recovering from a recent major operation.

Those who attended Mutual on the evening of January 19th, received a very pleasant surprise when, after the opening exercises, it was announced that they were to have the privilege of hearing the piano recital presented by Rollin Jensen at the Adelphian Club in Alameda. It was a most enjoyable evening.

The gentlemen of the San Leandro Ward met Thursday evening, January 27, to get better acquainted and to discuss future plans of the Ward. Reports have it that the evening was quite a success. Brother Darrell Monson presented a lecture, with illustrations, on Sound, which proved very interesting. Chili con carne and crackers brought the get-together to a close.

The San Leandro Ward is growing. Each month brings new members from other parts of the country or from other Wards of the Oakland Stake. We welcome you, each one most heartily, and hope you will soon feel one of us and enjoy the fine spirit that prevails in the San Leandro Ward.

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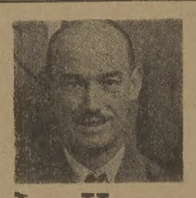
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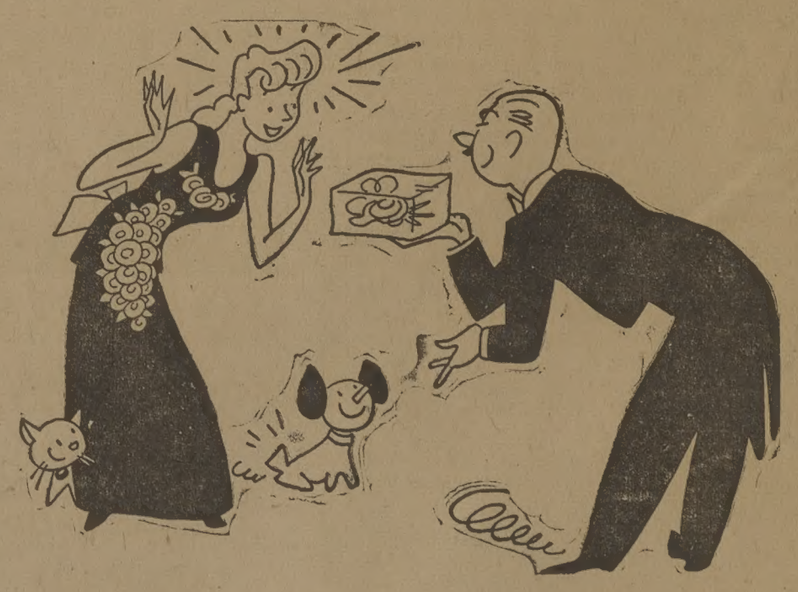
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Word Picture of Remote Tahitians vidly Told by Returned Missionary

By PHILLIP HUMPHRIES, Dimond Ward.

t was with deep regret that I left the island of Tahiti last No-ber, after two and a half years of the most enjoyable time I e ever experienced. Even now as I sit writing this account a host ivid and colorful scenes rush into my mind; the multicolored l atolls, sheets of white spray shooting skyward, sturdy, rough-n outrigger canoes bobbing in the serf, manned by natives whose , graceful bodies glisten brightly in the sunlight, quaint native ges nestled amongst a lush, verdant jungle growth, great rolls illowing white clouds clinging to the crests of the mountains. ed to this is the exotic aroma of the island flowers. All these but a few of the things which I shall cherish all the days of my By far the most inspiring experiences of all was that of working ng the natives, sharing with them their humble dwellings, and ging to them the glorious plan of salvation.

We Leave For Home

company with three other rs I departed from mission dquarters in Tahiti, aboard the e de Strassbourgh, bound for ama. We were forced to take indirect route since direct age to the States was unavail-. Accomodations were excel-, however, and the extra dis-e afforded us many pleasur-hours in recounting our ex-ences in the mission field. pon arrival at Panama we e met by Brother and Sister heringham, who acted as our s during our brief stay there. days later we secured reser-ons aboard an airliner and to Mexico City. Here we re-ned for four days as guests of Mexican Mission home. While Mexico City our stay was high-ted by a visit to the pyramids, ving an ancient civilization. nagine if you can, the effect lying from a warm temperate e into this frigid California. as met at the airport by my ther, Gene, on the 22nd of De-ber and taken home where I a gloriums reunion with my s. This was my first Christ-s home in six years.

Tahitian Geography

nowing that most of us have a hazy conception of these nds, I shall briefly summarize r geography. Mission head-rters is located on the island Tahiti, some 3700 miles south t of San Francisco and about 0 miles south of the Hawaiian nds. This remote position es it relatively undisturbed the furious pace of world com-rce.

wo different and distinct is-d groups exist in this part of Pacific; the Society group and Tuamotu Archipelago. The nds of the former are of a untainous terrain and are racteristically dense with lux-ant undergrowth. Nine islands nprise this group of which Ta-i is the largest and the most sly populated. Virtually any-ng will grow on these islands. e principal agricultural pro-ts are cocoanuts, vanilla, pine-le and bananas. The soil, how-r, is largely devitalized and ps are deficient in vitamin con-t. For this reason, we mission-es found it necessary to sup-ment our diet with vitamin s.

he Tuamotu Archipelago is second group and comprises a

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Dimond Ward

STELLA S. HOOPES

The month of January was decidedly a busy one.

The three testamonials and a farewell party for our new missionaries were well attended by our Ward members. The programs were outstanding and enjoyed by everyone.

It is a joy to everyone in Dimond to see these fine young people go into the mission field to represent our Ward. We all know it is a wonderful experience, so, Gloria, Bud, and Don, we will be looking forward to seeing you again soon.

It is good to have Phil Humphries back with us again. His report on his Tahitian mission was very interesting.

We are sorry about the passing of Bro. Reginald McKaig, Bro. Roger Milward, Sister Emilie Meyer and Bro. Warren Taylor. We extend sympathy to all their families. Their many friends will miss them.

Grace Kelleher recently returned from Utah after attending the funeral of her father, Joseph Bond of Heber City. Her mother returned to California with her for a visit.

Congratulations to Joyce and Eugene Hilton upon the arrival of a sweet baby girl.

The Relief Society announce their "County Fair" to be held March the fourth. Please keep this day open; there will be lots of fun for everyone. You'll be sorry if you miss it.

During the past month the Relief Society has taken note of the birthdays of Sisters McKaig, Matheson and McClellan all of whom have passed their seventieth year. Each of the birthdays was announced with a delicious cake at different meetings.

Winifred Phelps is welcomed as the new Secretary in Relief Society, replacing Grace Jackson who has served faithfully for ten years.

Cngratulations to Vincent Stevens on his marriage to Mildred Luther.

The many friends of Helen and Dennis Lauper will be glad to know little Karen has returned from the hospital and is doing fine.

The Junior Girls' Winter Prom was held January 14th at Dimond Ward with Dimond as host. Brad Browns music was good and everyone had a wonderful time.

Remember February 18th. This is the Gold and Green ball at Dimond. It is one of the outstanding events of the year. Don't miss it.

The Ward is happy to welcome Dora Heiner and Joyce Ahlstrom as new Primary teachers.

It is good to see Doctor Armis and Lee Ashby back with us. Doctor Ashby plans to open a dental office in the near future.

There has been a change in the Sunday School Superintendency. Robert Smith is replacing Leon Baer who has served so well as Superintendent.

The Ward choir has been reorganized with Luke Robinson, manager; Oscar McCarthy, director; and Emma Matheson, accompanist. The Dimond Ward should have one of the biggest and best choirs in the stake. If you like to sing come out on Wednesday and join the fun.

Marriner Swensen is the new Ward teacher supervisor. Ward teachers are urged to support Bro. Swensen. Make it one hundred per cent for the year.

On January 26th our M-Men lost their first basketball game. That's alright boys; we're still proud of you.

Brentwood Ward

IVIE BRECK

Ivie Breck has been asked to serve as reporter from the Brentwood Branch for the "Messenger." She writes:

The Branch really amazes me.

For instance, when President Geddes spoke of organizing Mutual, I looked around and thought—With what? He went on to say, "Dona, the only one between the age of twelve and the young married group, should have a place to bring her friends and have fun." Last week, including non-members, there were fifty persons present at Mutual.

It is a very energetic, humble and spiritual Branch, with much evidence of that love for each other, which the gospel engenders in those who are earnest for it.

But, Oh, the fun we have. President Geddes and his first Counselor took fifteen boys up in the snow to Long Barn. I hear both adults fell off the toboggan and had to eat off the mantle for a bit.

A birthday surprise on Counselor Schofield was fun too. He put up much resistance, but was out-numbered and received a real paddling. Sister Schofield had made individual chicken pies. These, with pans of hot rolls and good pot-luck food, that was brought, provided a real feast.

My spiritual thought is found in "Doctrine & Covenants" Section 88:67—"AND IF YOUR EYE BE SINGLE TO MY GLORY, YOUR WHOLE BODIES WILL BE FILLED WITH LIGHT, AND THERE SHALL BE NO DARKNESS IN YOU; AND THAT BODY, WHICH IS FILLED WITH LIGHT, COMPREHENDETH ALL THINGS."

Stop and Think

ON IMPLEMENTING IDEALS

There seems to be an aversion on the part of most Americans to the thought of allowing institutional organizations to indulge in political activity. They point with pride to the fact that corporations can not contribute to campaign funds and are displeased when labor organizations or churches attempt to exert political influence.

The point is that religion has somehow become separated from the state and is believed to concern itself with completely distinct problems. The difficulty a person like me has is in actually separating the ideals I have acquired in one sphere from the ideals I have acquired somewhere else.

Mormonism has a very thorough program of inculcating the lofty and noble ideals of Jesus Christ into its children. We are also convinced that these are the principles which will save mankind both on this earth and eternally. But we find these principles applied in only a narrow section of life—within the church, its theology and welfare plan.

By recommending that the Church recognize the political field as one in which ideals can be effectively demonstrated I do not imply political support to a particular candidate or party. I do wonder however if the principles of human nature we believe in cannot be voiced by the Church in such a way as to enable us to bring together in our own minds the relationship of the ideals of Christ to every aspect of human life. The Church can have influence on the affairs of state in an indirect manner more effectively than in any other way. This influence can be exerted only through men who go out into the world trained in the ways of the world but backed up by the solid principles of Christian brotherhood and the courage to put them into effect.

A good example of what can be done is that of Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, who is one of a small minority of national legislators who is specifically trained to hold the job he does. With a doctor's degree in political science from the University of California he has the theoretical background and with his association with the Church, the ethical idealism to fulfill his position of responsibility well.

Unless individual men with righteous intentions begin to implement the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world, the day of judgment seems a long ways off. The world is decidedly in need of a spiritual regeneration. The problems of war, divorce, depression and alcoholism are social problems which have their roots in spiritual decay. If such decay is communicable from institutions which do not have the high spiritual purpose of religion may it not infect us as well unless positive action is used to prevent it. At the same time, is it not our responsibility to demonstrate the better way, over a larger and larger area if we have what is needed? Both for our own security and for the fulfilling of God's purpose our activity should verify the maxim: "Faith without works is dead."

MISSIONARY INCIDENT RETOLD BY BISHOP THYS WINKLE

Bishop Thys Winkel of Alameda ward, Oakland stake, was called on a mission to Holland, the home of his ancestors, when he was 17 years old. There the mission president instructed the elders to be very careful what they promised the people. This thought was clearly in his mind, therefore, when Elder Winkel was called with his older companion to administer to a ten months old baby. The father and mother were wrought up in their feelings. They had lost their first two boys when they were less than a year old. And now the doctor had told them their third child could not live. The parents themselves both had the dread disease, tuberculosis.

The mother belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but the father was not a member. The father, however, had told the elders he would gladly covenant to do anything the Lord would want him to do if his child could only live.

The young, devout missionary, Elder Winkel, during the blessing told the Lord how the father would join the Church and devote his life to God's work if the child could live. Then Brother Winkel promised the child life in the name of Jesus Christ.

Returning to their boarding house the older man chided the younger, saying how foolish to promise life when, to all appearances and according to the doctor, the child was dying.

Thys felt very humble and low in spirit until the father came days later saying that the baby was happy and playing. The baby grew to manhood and is alive to this day.

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A Book Review

The Pearl of Great Price Unfolds Before Our Minds Exalted Overviews of the Nobility, Grandeur, and Universality of All Human-Divine Existences Portrayed in Majestic Simplicity and Directness. This Small But Powerful Sacred Volume Speaks With Enhanced Effectiveness in Dr. Milton R. Hunter's New, "Pearl of Great Price Commentary, Herewith Presented

1948 brought several distinct new enrichments to the libraries of Latter-day Saints. Notable among these were "These Amazing Mormons," by author, magazine-editor and new convert, Joseph H. Weston; "Latter-day Prophets Speak," by David H. Ludlow, a member of the faculty of the UAC; "Cummorah, Where?" by Thomas S. Ferguson, young attorney and original researcher in B. of M. archeology and geography; "Sharing the Gospel With Others," by President George Albert Smith; and "On the Way to Immortality and Eternal Life," by J. Reuben Clark.

But if we were asked to place first things first among 1948's new Church books, we should be inclined to place at the head of the procession Dr. Milton R. Hunter's, "Pearl of Great Price Commentary." This in no way reflects upon any of the other contributions.

The preeminence of this new volume from the facile pen and great comprehension of Doctor Hunter stems from the nature of the sacred scripture, "The Pearl of Great Price," of which the new book is a study and elucidation. From cover to cover it adds to the effectiveness of it.

The introduction, for instance, summarizes the unique doctrines and insights contributed by the Pearl of Great Price in six statements:

SIX STATEMENTS

1. An abundance of evidence that God revealed to Father Adam the very same Gospel plan of salvation that Jesus established while living in mortality and also the same that He revealed to Joseph Smith.

2. The personality of God, His intimate relationship with men and His concern for the human family, the majesty of God's work, its eternal nature, and the purposes of life and its eternal nature and the destiny of man.

3. The greatest statement regarding the work and glory of God to be found in any scripture, "For behold, this is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immorality and eternal life of man."

4. The account of the spiritual creation of all plants, animals and people, preceding the mortal creation.

5. The knowledge of our eternal existence and of the great council of the Gods, known as the Grand Council in heaven at which the gospel plan was presented to God's spirit-children, and Jesus Christ chosen to be the Messiah. The revolt of Satan and his followers, and their being cast out of heaven to dwell on earth as spirit beings.

6. A view of the great heavenly bodies as seen by Abraham for the first (and probably only) time by man thru the Urim and Thummin, including Kolob, which is near to the throne of God.

In addition to these statements Doctor Hunter's book brought out several great truths.

BOOK OF JOSEPH

Did you know that there were two rolls of papyrus with the four mummies purchased by Joseph Smith from Mr. Chandler and that one of these rolls was written by Joseph who was sold into Egypt but was never completely translated nor published by the Prophet Joseph Smith? Dr. Hunter presents a letter by Oliver Cowdery, published in Kirtland in 1835 in which Oliver gives the only record we have as to what was on that roll written by that mighty Egyptian-Hebrew character, Joseph, son of Jacob.

PEARL OF GREAT PRICE NAMED

Do you know by whom and when the "Pearl of Great Price" received its present name? We learn that President Franklin D. Richards of the Twelve first collected the material now in that sacred volumn and gave its current name in 1851 when residing in England, tho he included some material from the Doctrine and Covenants which was later omitted.

SPIRITUAL CREATION

The creation of the earth, both the spiritual and the temporal creations, as presented separately in the Book of Abraham and the Vision of Moses, are brought together by Dr. Hunter interestingly in two parallel columns so that the reader can view their similarities and differences.

ABRAHAM'S ASTRONOMY

Abraham's knowledge of the heavenly bodies and modern astronomy is discussed by Dr. Hunter in an interesting chapter. The days of lensless astronomy in which Abraham lived could not, unaided, have written the astronomy which Abraham presents to us which is now seen to be in harmony with the wonderful modern knowledge of the starry heavens. In fact, while modern astrology has caught up somewhat with what Abraham discerned thru the Urim and Thummin, still there are many truths Abraham learned that still are unknown to man thru the great telescopes of today.

WHERE WAS THE GARDEN OF EDEN?

Where was the Garden of Eden located? "As a result of modern revelation, the Latter-day Saints believe that the Garden of Eden was located in America, in the present state of Missouri," says Dr. Hunter, Adam-ondi Ahman being the "Land where Adam dwelt" as we are told in D. & C. 117: 8, 9. People generally believe that the Garden of Eden was located in the Mesopotamia Valley, western Persia, the reason being that the Bible mentions four rivers, one being named the Euphrates ,another which "goeth toward the east of Assyria," and another that "Compasseth the whole land of Etheopia."

"Since there are such rivers today as the Euphrates, the Tigris going east of Assyria, and the Nile which runs from Etheopia northward toward the Mediterranean," says Dr. Hunter, "the conclusion has been reached that the names that are attached today to those geographic places must be the same that were attached to the same spots in the days of Father Adam; and, therefore, Eden must have been located in western Asia.

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"Those arriving at the foregoing conclusion fail to take into consideration the fact that during various ages of history a certain name may be attached to several different geographical spots. As people migrate from one country to another, they carry with them names of places and objects which were dear to them."

For example, when the Pilgrims came to America, they brought with them the name, "Plymouth."

Interesting evidence for the American location of the Garden of Eden is presented. Says Dr. Hunter:

"A careful reading of the account in Genesis and also of the one in the Book of Moses makes it clear that "one river went out of Eden," and it had "four heads." In other words, four rivers flowed together, making one. It is very evident that since the river that ran through Etheopia (Nile) and Euphrates are hundreds of miles apart, they never could have been joined together. Therefore, the geography of the western part of Persia or the Mesopotamia valley fails to meet the description given in the scriptures.

"Where, then," asks Dr. Hunter, "in the world are there four rivers that flow together, making one? The Mississippi river and its tributaries fit well with the description given in Genesis and in the Book of Moses. Among the principal river that flow together in the upper Mississippi valley are the Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Illinois."

ADAM'S SPIRITUAL BODY

Adam's first body, before the fall, was a spiritual body with no blood but quickened by spirit, not by blood, we learn in chapter 17, but at the fall came the first or spiritual death of Adam which consisted of (a) the banishment from Eden and (b) non-remembrance of his pre-mortal experiences or of the plan of salvation with its various principles and ordinances. Hence, Adam was taught these again after the fall.

WHAT ADDS TO GOD'S GLORY?

"No other place in the standard works of the Church is there recorded a statement defining the activities of the Father and the Son and declaring what will add to their glory that measures up to the declaration: 'For behold, this is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.' Moses: 1:39."

Dr. Hunter quotes from the Teachings of Joseph Smith on this topic: "Here then is eternal life—to know Thee the only wise and true God; you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all Gods have to do before you . . . from grace to grace, from exaltation to exaltation . . . to sit in glory as do those who sit enthroned in everlasting power . . . heirs of God and joint heirs of Jesus Christ.

"What is it? To inherit the same power, the same glory and the same exhaltation, until you arrive at the station of a God . . . the same as those who have gone before. What did Jesus do? Why; I do the things I saw my Father do when worlds came rollings into existence. My Father worked out His kingdom with fear and trembling, and I must do the same.

"And when I get my kingdom, I shall present it to my Father, so that he may obtain kingdom upon kingdom, and it will exhalt Him in glory. He will then take a higher exhaltation, and I will take His place, and thereby become exhalted myself.

"So that Jesus treads in the track of his Father, and inherits what God did before; and God is thus glorified and exhalted in the salvation and exhaltation of all his children." —I. B. Ball.

(To be concluded)

A Word Picture of Remote Tahitians Vividly Told by Returned Missionary

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chain of about seventy low-lying coral atolls which string out for a distance of nearly one thousand miles. These small islands rise out of the sea and vary in elevation from five to twenty-five feet. Each island is inter-connected by coral, forming a circular ring in the center of which a lagoon is found. The sharp, jagged coral will not sustain anything but cocoanut trees which is the main source of livlihood. At present there are twelve active branches in this group but the Saints are scattered throughout most of the seventy islands, making contact difficult.

Mission Opened in 1844

The Tahitian Mission is one of the oldest missions in the Church, having been established by Addison Pratt in 1844 under the direction of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Almost immediately the natives embraced the gospel. Within three years nearly three thousand received baptism. In the 1860's because of an antagonistic government, the Mission was forced to close for a period of twenty years. Before we were able to reestablish ourselves, the Reorganized Church represented themselves as being the original Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and laid claim to most of our converts. Our church immediately called again some of the original missionaries who were able to bring back many of those who had been mislead and the work was again cintinued. There has been no appreciable success from then until recently when it has shown decided progress due to new missionary activity and a new building program.

President and Sister Mitchell preside over the Tahitian Mission assisted by eight elders. Progress, until recently, has been tortuously slow owing to limitation imposed by the French government. In 1947, however, almost seventy baptisms were made and the prospects looked bright for continued success. Current membership of the Church is between 1200 and 1300, while that of the Reorganized Church is slightly larger. It is interesting to note that there were more baptisms, per missionary, in the Tahitian Mission than any other church mission during the year 1947.

Difficult Mission

The Tahitian Mission is considered by the General Authorities of the Church to be the most difficult of all church missions owing to its poor transportation and inaccessibility. Mail service is slow and not dependable, ofttimes it requires up to four and five months for mail to reach the outer islands from the states. Medical facilities are almost non-existant in the outer islands, the missionaries are often the main source of medical help. The government is both antagonistic and skeptical which prevents the Church from putting into effect any educational or social improvement program. The Church realizing the importance of good education has promised to build schools under government supervision. This has all been refused although the other three faiths are allowed this privilege. Consequently, low living standards exist, making spiritual progress slow and difficult. Very few are privileged a normal education, the responsibility, falling, in most cases, upon the parents.

New Day Dawns

The present day marks the dawn of a new era for the Tahitian people. A tremendous building program has been launched by the Church which includes a beautiful chapel and mission home, all without any obligation whatsoever to the Tahitian people. All of this has been a source of amazement to the general populace and greatly implemented missionary work. Never before has such a program been instituted, asking no contribution except labor and that paid for. This has presented a practical testimony of tithing to these people. It has been estimated that if all tithing from the Tahitian Mission, since its inception, were added, it would not pay for these new improvements.

Since 1940, due to the war, there were no missionaries sent to the Tahitian Mission. We who were the first four to be called since the war, had no senior companions to advise and indoctrinate us so we found the going difficult. Branches had to be reorganized and the gospel requirements impressed upon the people.

An Average Day

An average day might be spent by the missionaries in the following manner: breakfast, prepared by one of the Relief Society sisters (who took turns cooking), we then made calls on the sick and spent the remaining hours of the morning studying the gospel, or language, and conversing with the visitors who dropped in quite often. After lunch we visited Church members making special efforts with those who were inactive and with those investigating the Church. The rest of the afternoon would be spent in reading, preparing lessons or talks. The evenings generally were spent in gospel discussions or with the young people in singing to the accompaniment of the guitar.

The Relief Society sisters took great pride in the elders and rendered all the assistance they possibly could. They cleaned house, cooked, laundered and aided us in many other ways.

When assigned to the outer islands, we would take with us canned goods which would be supplemented by fish, bread and native foods prepared by these good women.

An almost overwhelming responsibility rest upon the missionary whom the natives trust implicitly. He acts not only in the capacity of a spiritual advisor but as a lawyer and medical aid as well. There isn't any thing that a missionary isn't expected to do.

Missionary Doctoring

With no better instrument for many months than a rusty pair of pliers and later with a pair of forcepts we pulled over twenty teeth and lanced many absesses, boils and carbuncles. In all this the Lord blessed our efforts and in not a single instance was there a complication.

On one occasion a little girl about three years old had fallen and cut her lip completely through to the nose. A wide v-gap resulted which had it been left, would have resulted in a horrible disfigurement. Having nothing better we sterlized some thread and a sewing needle, and after having administered anaesthetic with a hypo-needle, we proceeded to sew the lip. With our Father in Heaven's blessings her lip healed with a near thread-like scar, scarcely discernable.

A Word Picture

Upon another occasion a native had been ill for nearly a week with a temperature of 105 degrees when we were called in. We prayed humbly and with the use of what drugs we had we watched over and treated him several days with his condition remaining unchanged. The fever one night rose to 160 degrees producing delirium. Being a Catholic, and thought to be dying, the last rites had been administered. Again we prayed, not knowing what else to do. We put cold clothes on his head and watched him the rest of the night. The fever abated somewhat and he slept peacefully for the first time in several weeks. It took many, many weeks before the patient was fully recovered, but he did recover and is alive today.

We found as time went on, that there was scarcely anything we were not called and expected to do. Most of the islands are four to six hundred miles from Mission headquarters and as travel was most primitive and difficult a missionary learned to depend entirely upon the Lord and his own humble efforts.

Humble, Hospitable People

Nowhere in the world is there a more humble and hospitable people than the Tahitians. They have a child-like faith and there is not an atheist among them. Their happy, carefree philosophy enables them to get the most out of every day, allowing tomorrow to take care of itself. A new missionary enters his field of labor thinking he is going to deal with an ignorant and benighted people. However he soon changes his views as he is in turn, taught true simplicity, faith and a natural kindness.

Besides copra, pearl shell diving is one of the main sources of income. This occupation requires a fine, clean body as it is not only dangerous but exhausting as well. A diver goes down to a depth of 100 to 160 feet with nothing more than a weight on a rope to take him down. He remains under from one to two and a half minutes. In this the members of our church who keep the word of wisdom excelled and are considered the best who engage in the diving. The severity of water pressure endangers the diver who, if he remains a fraction over a second, may endanger his health permanently, having what is called divers disease, which is a paralyzed condition affecting various parts of the body and often affecting the mind.

Tahitians Not Lamanites

Contrary to the common belief in the church the Tahitians are not Lamanites. They are the sons of Nephi and have many of his character traits. Apostle Cowley, who has made an extensive study of the origin of the South Sea islanders, reminds us of the natural musical ability of these people in direct contrast to the lack of it among the so-called Lamanites, or American Indians. Another interesting fact proves that the people of the islands of the Pacific have had the gospel for a hundred years or more while the missionary work among the Indians, save in a small measure, is just beginning.

My testimony has been greatly strengthened by living with these people and I have a deep respect for them. They are the most humble and lovable I have ever known and although this mission may be the most difficult, it is also one of the most interesting and full of unusual experiences. It is my prayer that these people may not only have the gospel but those who cary it to them may have understanding hearts.